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SUBJECT: CEPT: PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT
(PBEIST) MEETING NOVEMBER 26-28, 1974

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USDOC FOR MARAD, MR CASE; OP/GSA FOR MR GRIFFITH;
CINCEUR FOR J-4/TRANSPORTATION, CDR ESTES; USAREUR FOR
ODCS/LOG, COL. CARR

SUMMARY: PBEIST CHAIRMAN HAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND FORMATION
OF L.O.C. AD HOC STUDY GROUP CONSISTING OF CIVIL AND MILITARY
REPS FROM BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, NEHTERLANDS, UK AND US, AS
REQUESTED BY U. S. AC/15-WP-44(REF B). END SUMMARY

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1. USNATO SUGGESTS THAT U.S. FURNISH NOTE TO
PBEIST MEMBERS FURTHER EXPLAINING THE OBJECTIVE PARAGRAPH
IN PROPOSAL (REF B) AS AGREED AT ALTIZER/POLICASTRO
SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING AND ALSO REFER TO DCUMENT, QUOTED

BELOW, WHICH USNATO PREPARED WITH CEP DIRECTOR. PLEASE
FORWARD NOTE IN EARLY NOVEMBER TO INSURE TIMELY DISTRIBUTION.
BEGIN TEXT

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH DOCUMENT
16TH OCTOBER 1974 AC/15-D/287
PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT

DECISION OF THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE SENIOR CIVIL
EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATION
BY THE PBEIST OF THE UNITED STATES LOC REQUIREMENTS

NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR, CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

THE SCOPE OF THIS NOTE IS TO APPRAISE THE PBEIST IN
TIMELY FASHION OF THE DISCUSSION AND DECISION OF THE PLENARY
SESSION OF THE SCEPC ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF A
REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF THEIR LOC REQUIREMENTS(Q1), THE
PBEIST INCLUDED IN ITS WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1975 THE FOLLOWING
ITEM:

"2.(8) SUBJECT TO PRIOR SCEPC APPROVAL, AND PROVIDED
THAT SUCH APPROVAL IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS
ACCEPTANCE BY THE SCEPC OF THE CONCEPT PUT
FORWARD IN AC/98-D/696, STUDY OF CIVIL-
MILITARY CO-OPERATION ON INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT."

3. THIS ITEM WAS INCLUDED IN THE WORK PRIORITIES AND
PROGRAMMES FOR 1975, (AC/98-WP/93(REVISED)) AND TAKEN BY THE
SENIOR COMMITTEE IN PLENARY SESSION IN JUNE 1974. CONSIDERATION
OF THE US REQUEST GIVE RISE TO THE DISCUSSION RECORDED IN
PARAGRAPHS 109 THROUGH 118 OF AC/98-R/97.

4. FROM THE DISCUSSION AT THE LAST PLENARY SESSION OF THE
SENIOR COMMITTEE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE STUDY ON CIVIL SUPPORT FOR
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MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE US AS PILOT
COUNTRY AND THE CONSIDERATION OF THE US LOC REQUIREMENTS,
ALTHOUGH INSPIRED BROADLY BY THE SAME CONCEPT, ARE TO BE DEALT
WITH IN TWO SEPARATE FORA: THE FIRST WITHIN THE SENIOR
COMMITTEE AND THE SECOND WITHIN PBEIST.

5. THE PLENARY SESSION, BY ITS DECISION IN AC/98-R/97
PARAGRAPH 127(6), EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN
THE PILOT GROUP AND THE PBEIST AND AGREED THAT THE PBEIST PROCEED
IN ITS 1975 WORK PROGRAMME WITH THE CONSIDERATION OF THE US LOC
REQUIREMENTS.

6. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THE PBEIST TO DECIDE HOW

THIS STUDY IS TO BE CONDUCTED AND TO GIVE THE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE TO ITS SUB-COMMITTEE(S).

7. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) ON THE STUDY OF ALLIED DEFENCE FOR THE 70S, IS TAKING A STRONG INTEREST IN THE LOC REQUIREMENTS. A PAPER NOW BEFORE THE GOUP(1) ENVISAGES THAT IT WILL PUT A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION IN TIME FOR INCLUSION IN ITS SPRING 1975 REPORT TO MINISTERS. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PBEIST, THEREFORE, THE MATTER IS NOW OF SOME URGENCY.
SIGNED M. DEVEGLIA

(1) AC/15-WP/40
AC/15-DS/52, ITEM XVII; AC/98-DS/93, ITEM IX; AC/98-D/696
AC/15-DS/53, ITEM XII AND AC/15-WP/44.

2. ADDITIONALLY, IN AFTERNOON 18 OCTOBER MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN, PBEIST AND USNATO CEP REP (DEGIVE/POLICASTRO) DEGIVE AGREED TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF AD HOC STUDY GROUP (REF B) AT FORTHCOMING PBEIST BOARD MEETING. DEGIVE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY COLONELS BLAMPAIN AND PECHEAUX. THEY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND US DESIRE TO BRING L.O.C. QUESTION INTO MULTILATERAL PBEIST FORUM WHEN BENELUX COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY MADE COMMITMENTS TO THE US UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. MISSOFF'S EXPLANATION STRESSED THAT FOUNDATION FOR PBEIST DISCUSSION IS HOST NATOON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, DISCUSSION IN PBEIST MULTILATERAL FORUM BETWEEN
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INTERESTED COUNTRIES IS REQUIRED TO INSURE THAT TOTAL LOC REQUIREMENTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED OF NOT ONLY US BUT OTHER COUNTRIES WITH L.O.C. THROUGHPUT REQUIREMENTS. THIS ASSURANCE CAN ONLY COME FROM CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES WHO CONTROL NATIONAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS. WHILE THIS EXPLANATION IS OBVIOUS TO THE US, IT WAS APPARENT THAT DEGIVE HAD NEVER UNDERSTOOD US STUDY IN THIS LIGHT. HE IS PREPARED TO INTRODUCE SUBJECT ALMOST EXACTLY ALONG LINES OF OBJECTIVE PORTION OF REF B BUT DEGIVE BELIEVES US NOTE (PARA 1 ABOVE) IS TO INSURE OTHERS WILL ALSO UNDERSTAND. WE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED METHODS OF WORK OF AD HOC GROUP: AHG WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PBEIST BOARD AND NOT CENTRAL EUROPE SUB-COMMITTEE; AND AHG WILL DETERMINE OWN METHODS OF WORK AND WILL INCLUDE NATIONAL MILITARY REPRESENTATION. RECOMMEND US BE PREPARED TO NAME US MEMBER FOR AD HOC GROUP AND FIX DATE FOR FIRST MEETING. USNATO REP RECOMMENDED TO DEGIVE THAT PBEIST CLEARLY STAKE OUT THEIR CIVIL INTEREST IN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEARANCE OF CARGO FROM CIVIL AIR HEADS.

3. SUGGEST U.S. CLARIFY PBEIST ROLE IN L.O.C. STUDY IN AMENDMENTS TO REF C REPORTED SEPTEL.
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